

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A body structure comprising:

a side sill which extends substantially in the longitudinal direction of a vehicle beside the vehicle and forms a first closed cross section;

a side member at least a part of which extends substantially in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle on the vehicle-interior side of the side sill, which forms a second closed cross section in cooperation with the side sill, and which is formed having a flange extending substantially in the longitudinal direction of the vehicle at the interior-side end portion of the vehicle; and

a floor panel having a side edge portion coupled to the flange.

2. A body structure according to claim 1, wherein at least a part of the flange declines toward the front part of the vehicle.

3. A body structure according to claim 1, wherein the side member comprises an upper member and a lower member, flanges projecting on the vehicle-interior side are formed individually on the respective vehicle-interior-side end portions of the upper member and the lower member, and the flanges are coupled at least partially to each other.

4. A body structure according to claim 2, wherein the side member comprises an upper member and a lower

member, flanges projecting on the vehicle-interior side are formed individually on the respective vehicle-interior-side end portions of the upper member and the lower member, and the flanges are coupled at least
5 partially to each other.

5. A body structure according to claim 3, wherein the side member forms a third closed cross section substantially continuous with the vehicle-rear side of the second closed cross section, the closed cross
10 section extending substantially toward the rear part of the vehicle along a rear wheel house.

6. A body structure according to claim 4, wherein the side member forms a third closed cross section substantially continuous with the vehicle-rear side
15 of the second closed cross section, the closed cross section extending substantially toward the rear part of the vehicle along a rear wheel house.